



In-Home Support Services (IHSS)

IHSS is a service delivery option that provides a client greater choice and flexibility in how his or her services are delivered. A client can select, train, and schedule his or her attendants or may delegate these responsibilities to an authorized representative.

IHSS Eligibility

The client must be enrolled in the Home and Community Based Services - Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (HCBS-EBD), HCBS-Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), or the Children's Home and Community Based Services (CHCBS) waivers.

Attendants

The client can select his or her own attendants, such as friends or family, to provide IHSS; however, spouses cannot be paid to provide IHSS and members of the client's family cannot be paid to provide Homemaker Services. Family members can only be paid for up to 444 hours per year of Personal Care. This limitation does not apply to parents of a child in the CHCBS waiver.

The client can select from attendants employed by an IHSS agency. All attendants providing IHSS must be employed by an IHSS agency.

Services included in IHSS

- **Health Maintenance** – assistance with health related needs. In IHSS, sections of the Nurse Practice Act and Nurse Aide Legislation are waived so the client has flexibility to select and train attendants, without professional certifications or licensure, to provide services to meet his or her health related needs.
- **Homemaker Services** – assistance with general household tasks such as housekeeping, meal preparation, and laundry (not available in CHCBS).
- **Personal Care** – assistance with activities such as bathing, dressing, or eating (not available in CHCBS).

IHSS agencies provide 24-hour back-up services in the event an attendant is unavailable. In addition, IHSS agencies have a health professional available to assist with any medical concerns.

Authority

- Colorado Revised Statute – Title 25.5 Article 6 Part 12
- Colorado Code of Regulations – 10 CCR 2505-10 Section 8.552.1

Contact Information

If interested, contact your local Single Entry Point agency, which specializes in determining eligibility, planning care, and providing referrals. A full list of SEP agencies by county is available at colorado.gov/hcpf > Clients and Applicants > Long-Term Care > Case Management Agencies.

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